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Subject: Memo to Mayor & Council - Update - Britannia Arena - Operations Interruption

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Sincerely,
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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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Good evening, Commissioners, this email is to provide you with an update regarding an interruption to operations at the Britannia Arena that occurred today.

Earlier today a brine leak was discovered at the Britannia Arena resulting in a closure of the ice rink. A staff team from REFM and Park Board met on site to review the issue and to determine how best to address.

This leak is causing soft spots on the ice (image attached). Soft spots create unsafe skating conditions which require immediate closures. There are no safety concerns beyond the risks of using the skating surface of the rink. All adjacent facilities continue to be operational.

At minimum, the ice will need to be removed to assess the brine leak and to determine options for remediation. Removal of the ice will commence tomorrow, and once the ice is removed the cement floor will be opened to allow a refrigeration specialist to determine options for repair of the leak. Due to the requirement to remove the ice, open the cement slab at the source of the leak, and to determine the extent of the issue this will take some time. It is anticipated that a more fulsome update will be available within the next two weeks, and that the arena will remain closed for at the very least four weeks.

As soon as there is more information available a fulsome update will be provided to the Board. Britannia Society has been notified through their Executive Director and updates have been provided to the public through regular communication channels.

Regards,

Steve Kellock (*he/him*)
Director, Recreation